

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 21. June 53 21/1545Z	2. LOCATION Pepperrell AFB, Newfoundland
3. SOURCE Military	10. CONCLUSION BALLOON
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	Possibly high altitude balloon of unknown origin. Sighting characteristic of balloon.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Still visible 1 Hour	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS One tiny silver-tan object hovered at 40,000 ft and did not seem to carry out any maneuvers.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE Semi Stationary	
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT

FLYOBRPT - Unidentified Flying Object

AREA REPORTED ON Pepperrell Air Force Base		FROM (Agency) Intelligence Officer, 6600th Air Base Cp
DATE OF REPORT 21 1920Z June 53	DATE OF INFORMATION 21 1800Z June 53	EVALUATION B-2
PREPARED BY (Officer) MILLARD F. HAMBLIN, JR., Capt, USAF		SOURCE Officer of the Day

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)

Project Blue Book

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 110—Part II.)

1. One unidentified aerial object was sighted by ground observers at Pepperrell Air Force Base, Newfoundland, 21 June 1953. Size was unknown. Object was hovering over Pepperrell Air Force Base at an estimated altitude of 40,000 feet. No GCA or GCI contact. Weather at time of sighting was CAVU. Object was in sight for a period of approximately one (1) hour. Initial evaluation: Unidentified flying object.

Millard F. Hamblin Jr.

MILLARD F. HAMBLIN, JR
Captain, USAF
Intelligence Off, 6600th ABG

APPROVED:

Gerald Brown

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REPORT NO.

IR-34-53

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UNCLASSIFIED**AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT**

SUBJECT

Unidentified Flying Object (FLYOPTT)

AREA REPORTED ON

Newfoundland

DATE OF REPORT

27 June 1958

PREPARED BY (Officer)

GEORGE ALEXANDER, 1st Lt., USAF

REFERENCES (Control number, director, previous report, etc., as applicable)

FROM (Agency)

Dir/Int, NMAC

EVALUATION

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SOURCE Intelligence Officer, 663rd AD Gp,
Poplarville AFB, Newfoundland

<- 91/1545 -

DATE OF INFORMATION

21 June 1958

SUMMARY (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.)

1. An unidentified aerial object was visually observed from the ground by a number of military personnel southwest of Poplarville Air Force Base, Newfoundland, 21 June 1958, at 1545Z.
2. This information is of interest to Air Technical Intelligence Center, ATTN: ATIAA-2c, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

ATTACHMENT:

Fred W. Siefert

ITM W. SIEFERT

Lt. Colonel, USAF

Director of Intelligence

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

FROM (Agency)	REPORT NO.
Dir/Int, NEAC	IR-34-53
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1. An unidentified aerial object was visually observed from the ground by a number of military personnel southwest of Pepperrill Air Force Base, Newfoundland, 21 June 1953, at 1545Z.

2. The object, described as a tiny silver-tan object, but not metallic silver, was at an estimated altitude of 30,000 feet. The object was semi-stationary and was not seen to carry out any maneuvers. Object did not emit an exhaust trail or sound.

3. The object was still visible at 1630Z, or a total period of observation of 45 minutes. The object was observed and first reported by Major [REDACTED] (Senior Pilot), commander of 6610th Air Base Sqdn., McAndrew AFB, Newfoundland, and six other personnel from the same location (baseball field).

4. No GCI or GCA contact was made with the object. Weather sequence was: 3000 broken, 15 miles visibility, surface winds NW, 22K plus to 34K, winds aloft 30,000 feet 330 degrees at 120K.

COMMENTS of the Preparing Officer:

1. It was first believed that the object was a weather balloon. Checks were made with the various weather offices in Newfoundland, and it was learned that Ernest Harmon AFB released a balloon 45 minutes prior to the time of sighting. Winds over Harmon were: 28,000 feet, 320 degrees at 188K. Pepperrill AFB is approximately 230 miles ESE of Ernest Harmon AFB; these extremely high winds were traveling in the general direction Harmon to Pepperrill. However, the balloon was tracked for a period of 34 minutes at Harmon. Contact was lost with the balloon when it was 30 miles distant at 27,300 feet. Since the balloon was of the radiosonde type, a positive burst could not be determined, although analysis of returns indicated a probable burst. Moreover, the balloon, having consumed 34 minutes and gone only 30 miles, would have to travel the remaining 200 miles in 11 minutes, thus eliminating the possibility that the Harmon balloon accounted for the sighting.

2. A balloon was also released from McAndrew AFB, approximately 90 miles southwest of Pepperrill AFB. This balloon was released the night before the sighting, on 20 June 1953, and from an analysis of winds, it was determined that this balloon also could not account for the sighting.

3. It is considered very unlikely that the object was an aircraft because of the long duration of the sighting and the hovering nature of the object. The possibility of celestial or meteorological conditions causing the sighting does exist.

4. The Director of Intelligence, NEAC evaluates this incident as an unidentified aerial object.

NATHAN J. MELEGSON
Captain, USAF
Chief, Current Intelligence Division

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21 JUNE

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

HOWARD L. BEVIS, President

COLUMBUS 10

EMERSON McMILLIN OBSERVATORY

8 July 1953

Lt. Robert Olsson
ATIC - Wright-Patterson AFB

Dear Lt. Olsson,

Now that Jennie has her preliminary clearance, she can help me handle the reports and can type the letters to you and to your successor. This will improve the quality of the typing (!) I am sure. I cannot guarantee spelling. (Neither can I.)

With respect to the two wires you sent us on June 23, there is only one thing to say: The 21 June Pepperrell AFB case must be tossed out because of grossly insufficient data. Do you think there is a glimmer of anything interesting there which would justify sending a Form A? It seems to me that reports of this kind just clutter up the wires without accomplishing anything.

The San Antonio 16 June is clearly a meteorological phenomenon and one that would warm the heart of Menzel. This was undoubtedly as suggested, namely the light of the setting sun on a high cloud.

Referring to the follow-up statement on the 10 June Detroit case, both Jennie and I still think this was a landing light and agree it could not have been a meteor.

Business is a little slow. Jen is going ahead with requesting cooperation from the air control tower operators. Her usefulness has increased in view of her temporary clearance and I hope that her full clearance will not be too long in coming.

I hope we can see you soon and wish you a bon voyage into Law School.

Sincerely,

Allen Hynek
Allen Hynek

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1953 JUN 22 07:31

notify
Lt. Klein (O.D. ATC)
1545 IST - 21 Jun 53

FM CO. PEPPERELL AFB NF

TO JEPHQ/DIR INTELLIGENCE HQ USAF WASHDC

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ZEN/GG NEAC PEPPERRELL AFB NF
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JCPDC/CANAIRDEF ST HUBERT CANADA
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JEXW/CO 6614TH ABG MCANDREW AFB NF
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JESU/CO 6612TH ABG THULE AB GNLD
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JEPHQ/SEC DEF WASHDC
JEDWP/CG WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO
AF GRNC

PEP 16531 FLYOERPT ONE UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECT SIGHTED GROUND
OBSERVED AT PEPPERRELL AFB UNKNOWN HOVERING UNKNOWN HOVERING EST
4000 FT SIGHTED BY BUSH MAJOR UNKNOWN MESSAGE RECEIVED THIS HEAD-
QUARTERS AT 212030Z CHECKED OPERATIONS FOR FLIGHT PLANS NO RADAR
CONTACT CAVU 64TH AIR DIV REPORTS NO RADAR CONTACT

21/1927Z JUN JEXC

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ROUTING

COMMUNICATIONS CENTER NO.

JOINT MESSAGEFORM

SPACE ABOVE FOR COMMUNICATIONS CENTER ONLY

FROM: (Originator)

CO ATIC

TO: CO PEPPERELL AF BASE ST JOHNS NEWFOUNDLAND

INFO:

DATE-TIME GROUP 221100Z JUN 53		SECURITY CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
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FROM: ATIA-ATIA-6-17-2

Recommending PFP 18531 dated 211920Z. Request you forward AF Form 112 as prescribed in AF Letter 200-5 giving more complete data regarding this sighting. In the future, please follow 200-5 and include more detailed information in your original message. In reply cite Project Blue Book.

COORDINATION:

ATIA-5 Lt Col Glisson DATE ATIA Lt Col Johnston DATE ATIA Col Hollister DATE

DRAFTER'S NAME (and signature, when required)

Lt Col H. Glisson/RAC/jcs

SYMBOL

ATIA-5

TELEPHONE

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FM COMDR NEAC PEPPERRELL AFB NF

TO JEPHQ/DIR OF INTELLIGENCE HQ USAF

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JEDEN/COMDR ADC ENT AFB COCL

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JENC/COMDR 6602ND ABG ERNEST HARMON AFB NF

JEOP/COMDR 6603RD ABG GOOSE AB LABDR

JEXW/COMDR 6610TH ABG MCANDREW AFB NF

NEOCOC-I-00055 REFERENCE PEP 18531 DTG 211920Z JUNE 53. CHECK OF
FLIGHT PLANS REVEALED NEGATIVE RESULTS. D/I NEAC EVALUATES INCIDENT
AS AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT.

24/19592 JUN JEXC

Will A.F. 112 arrive?
The atom is nuclear.

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1953 JUN 24 17:49

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ROUTING

JOINT MESSAGEFORM

COMMUNICATIONS CENTER NO.

FROM: (Originator) **SPACE ABOVE FOR COMMUNICATIONS CENTER ONLY**

FROM: (Originator)

TO: **CC AFMTC
CC ENT AF BASE CCIO SPNDRG COLO**

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FROM: AFMTC-ATLAD-5-16-B FOR 3rd Wm Cp, Iq (RATS)

AMIC needs the following information regarding an unidentified aerial object report.
 Was there a skyhook type balloon in the vicinity of Popperville Air Force Base, Newfoundland, at 2120Z02 June 1953?

In reply cite Project Blue Book

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ATLAD-5 Lt Col Clason DATE ATLAD 1st Lt Johnston DATE ATLA Col McQuire DATE

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DRAFTER'S NAME (and signature, when required) <u>Lt R. H. Clason/Jos/RWC</u>	RELEASING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE
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FM COMDR 3D WEA GP ENT AFB COLO

TO COMDR ATIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

3WG FC- 101 . URGENT AFOIN-ATIAE-6-16-E. PROJECT BLUE BOOK. REPTS AVAL
HERE INDICATE NO BALLOON IN AREA AT TIME INDICATED.

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25 JUN 1953

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ACTION

23 Jun 53 14:54:2

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1953 JUN 23 14:13

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NEOCOC-I-00454 REFERENCE FLYOBRPT MESSAGE AFOPS 56F DATED 02236052
AND AFOPS 57F DATED 02237232Z GOOSE AB LABRADOR. CORRELATION OF FLIGHT
PLANS INDICATES NEGATIVE RESULTS. EVALUATED AS UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT
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AFOPS 59F DATED 0221820Z, 107TH AC&W SQUADRON, GOOSE AB LABRADOR
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